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SUBJECT: POW/MIA'S

1 WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT
FROM A THAI STUDENT IN THIS COUNTRY WHO STATES THAT A
FRIEND OF HIS IN THAILAND, MR. RIAB PATUMPANG, WAS RECENTLY
IMPRISONED IN LAOS WHERE HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN "TWO
AMERICAN PILOTS IN CHAINS." ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, MR.
PATUMPANG WAS IN LAOS FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO WITH TWO
FRIENDS, WHEN THEY WERE IMPRISONED BY THE LAO AUTHORITIES.
WHILE IN PRISON HE BECAME VERY ILL AND THE TWO FRIENDS
DIED. SINCE HIS RELEASE HE SAYS HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
CONTACT US EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO PASS ON THIS INFORMATION.
HE IDENTIFIED THE PRISON AS PRAMAHA BONMA MAHAVILO, LOCATED
IN THE "LAOTIAN MOUNTAINS."

2. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, MR. PATUMPANG IS PRESENTLY
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RESIDING IN A TEMPLE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: VATSITARAM

L2 DAMRONGLUSK STREET, POMPAE, BANGKOK, THAILAND. HE
FURNISHED HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER AS 2829781.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING THIS REPORT AND HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO FIND THE PRISON ON MAPS AVAILABLE TO US. WOULD
APPRECIATE ANYTHING EMBASSY CAN DO DISCREETLY TO CHECK THIS
REPORT. KISSINGER

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